[Mr. S. J. Nair.]

that we should cut the road. We have cut down several trees; 1,000 cocoanut palms, jack trees, and mango trees have been cut down and several buildings have been demolished. In spite of that, even though a personal representation was made to the Chief Engineer, and even though there is an allotment of Rs. 1,000 in the budget, nothing has been done.

PRESIDENT: What is the speech about?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): A statement, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Statements are not allowed on supplementary questions.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): What I say is that the answer of the Chief Engineer is incorrect. The Chief Engineer has not done anything.

PRESIDENT: The Chief Engineer merely draws your attention to the rules regulating the construction of certain roads. He points out that one of the rules is that the road must be cut by the people When an allotment is made for a definite purpose, it must be understood that the allotment is to be used only subject to the rules. Any more questions?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government will be pleased to construct the road as per the allotment made in the current year's budget as well as in the coming year's budget at the instance of Government and not under the Ryots' Roads Rules because the people have surrendered the land?

PRESIDENT: That is a question for future action.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government will see that the money allotted in the budget will be expended?

PRESIDENT: Is that a question? The allotment is for expenditure next year. If it is not spent next year, your turn will come then and you can ask then why it was not spent. Anticipatory questions are not allowed. Next question please, Mr. S. J. Nair.

Minor Irrigation Works in the Nedumangad taluk.

41. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the work the Minor Irrigation Department has executed in the Nedumangad taluk in the years 1110 and 1111 up to 16-10-1111 M. E.;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the *chiras*, *kulams* and *todus* useful for paddy cultivation in the Nedumangad taluk are all completely neglected;

(*c*) the *chiras*, *kulams* and *todus* useful for paddy cultivation in the Nedumangad taluk; and

(*d*) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a complete *pakuthi*-war list of *kulams*, *chiras* and *todus* that exist in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) A * list is placed on the table.

* *Vide* Appendix.

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(*b*) Yes ; by the ryots not only in the Nedumangad taluk but throughout Travancore.

(*c*) The member is referred to pages 87 to 94 of the Statement attached to the report of the Minor Irrigation Committee.

(*d*) The time and labour spent in preparing a list as required by the member will be out of all proportion to its utility.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : In answer to part (*b*), Government have stated that the time and labour spent in preparing a list will be out of all proportion to its utility. May I know whether the Government had, on a former occasion, answered a question put by me in this House stating that the list is under preparation and that it will be duly presented ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : A complete list will take too long to prepare. It will have to be prepared not only by the Public Works Department but also by the Land Revenue Department. Government do not consider that the information will be worth the time and trouble spent on it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether I should take the word of Government given on the previous occasion or the one given now ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The member can take the answer given now.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether Government want us to ignore the promise made to this House on a previous occasion ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : That is the answer I have here. I won't use the word " ignore " as Mr. Nair does.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the exact nature of the repair works done on items 1 and 2 ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Repairing rain damages in Manikal and Nellanad Pakuthies ; closing up a breach in Kallattu Todu in Kulathumel Pakuthi. That is all the information I have now.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : What is the exact nature of the works ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I must ask for notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I draw the attention of the Chief Engineer to the fact that the repairing works done in 1110 and 1111 were washed away by the monsoon ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I have no information.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Answer to part (*b*) says that the *chiras*, *kulams* and *todus* have been neglected by the ryots throughout Travancore. What does the member mean by that ?

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PRESIDENT : It is very plain.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The ryots throughout Travancore are to maintain the different *chiras*, *todus*, etc.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Am I to understand then that the Minor Irrigation Department need not do this work at all ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : My question is, "will the Government be pleased to state the work the Minor Irrigation Department has executed in the Nedumangad taluk" ; and the answer is, "a list is placed on the table." It is not an answer to my question. It is adding insult to injury. The answer clearly shows the callous negligence of the Minor Irrigation Department.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The maintenance of *chiras*, *kulams* and *thodus* in the State are supposed to be done by the ryots themselves. The repairing work comes under the category of "maintenance". The ryots should attend to that.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Minor Irrigation Department have repaired any *thodus* or *kulams* in the Nedumangad taluk ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The answer is given in the appendix.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : The appendix does not speak of repairing work to any *thodu* or *kulam* or *tank*. It only says about repairing work in general in connection with rain damages. It is for that purpose I put the specific question, *viz.*, the nature of the work that the department has done and the answer is given in the appendix.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings an Irrigation*) : That is all the information I have.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : In answer to part (*c*), what is meant by saying "the member is referred to pages 87 to 94 of the statement attached to the report of the Minor Irrigation Committee". The report of the Minor Irrigation Committee was not supplied to us at all.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The copies of the report have been printed and supplied.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : It was for the old Council and not for the present House. Therefore I say it is a document that is in the possession of the Government. Therefore, I further emphasise that, when we put a specific question, there is no use referring us to certain pages of the documents in the possession of Government.

PRESIDENT : Is there not a copy of the report in the Legislative Library ?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Yes, Sir.

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PRESIDENT : If the report is available in the Legislative Library, the Government are perfectly justified in quoting the pages from that document.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : With reference to numbers (1) and (2) in the appendix—

PRESIDENT : Has Mr. S. J. Nair finished ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) ; Yes, Sir. I am not able to get sufficient answers from the official member (*Laughter*).

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : With reference to repairing rain damages in Manikkal and Nellanad *pakuthies*, may I know from the Chief Engineer whether the repairs have taken place according to the estimate ? I am putting this question because out of an estimate of Rs. 1,160 the department was able to spend, in two years' time, only about Rs. 600.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : It might be that the work had been completed, but the bill might not have been paid.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : With reference to answer to part (*b*), may I know whether the Department or the Government have entrusted the maintenance work of the Minor Irrigation Department to the ryots concerned in any place ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : That is a rule under the Irrigation Regulation.

The Karipoor Trace.

42 ✻**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) ; Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the length of the Karipoor trace in Nedumangad ;

(*b*) how many miles of it have been converted as road ;

(*c*) how many miles more remain to be converted as road ;

(*d*) how long it is since the work remains incomplete ;

(*e*) why it is left as an incomplete work ; and

(*f*) what would be the approximate expenditure to complete the work ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) 3½ miles.

(*b*) 1½ miles.

(*c*) 2 miles.

(*d*) It is not an incomplete work.

(*e*) This does not arise.

(*f*) This can be ascertained only after the investigation which is in progress is over.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the work referred to is completed or that it remains to be done ?

MR. G. B E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irirgation*) : Some portion of the work is completed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : So am I to take it that the whole trace is not completed ?

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : A word of personal explanation. My question was whether it is not an incomplete work and the answer was—

PRESIDENT : Mr. S. J. Nair will remember that the Chair has not objected to any of his questions. But, on the other hand, the Chair will appreciate such a series of questions. I object to anything like personal matters being imported into the discussion on the floor of the House.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I have already answered that investigation is in progress; and only after that is over, the exact position could be ascertained.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : A word of explanation, Sir. I have done a lot of work on behalf of the people of Nedumangad. I represent a population of about 1½ lakhs.

PRESIDENT : That is a heavy burden indeed. (*Laughter*).

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) I am sorry to bring to the notice of Government that the amounts sanctioned as per budget allotment are not utilised by the departments concerned. It is really painful to observe that.

Appendix.

[*Vide* **Answer to Question No. 41.**]

List of Minor Irrigation works executed in the Nedumangad taluk.

S. No.	Name of work.	Estimate and amount.	Expenditure.
	1110 M. E.		Rs.
1	Repairing rain damages in Manikal and Nellanad *pakuthies.*	G. O. D. Dis. No. 118/35/P. W., dated 21-1-1935 for Rs. 1,160	468
	1111 M. E.		
2	Closing up a breach in Kallattu thodu in Kulathumel *pakuthi.*	G. O. No. 6062 dated 7-1-36 for Rs. 810	32
3	Repairing rain damages in Manikal and Nellanad *pakuthies.*	G. O. D. Dis. No. 118/35/P. W, dated 21-1-35 for Rs. 1,160	149

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